The Government has also undertaken various Radio and Doordarshan programmes highlighting the ill-effects of tobacco consumption. The people are also being educated through printed materials.

In the National Conference on "Tobacco or Health" held recently at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi on 27-28 July, '91 a number of recommendations were made for imparting health education to the people for combating the tobacco menace. The concerned Ministries/Departments of Govt. of India as well as State Governments have been requested to take necessary follow-up action.

Medical care by Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narain Hospital to the victims of Uttarkashi Earthquake

521. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narain Hospital authorities have drawn an elaborate plan to provide medical care to the victims of recent earthquake in Uttarkashi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narain Hospital authorities have drawn up an elaborate plan to provide medical care to the victims of recent earthquake in Uttarkashi, which includes the following:-

(i) To open a Disaster Ward in the hospital to cater to the seriously injured victims in need of multidisciplinary care of specialised nature.

(ii) Creation of a disaster relief cell to function round the clock in the casuality and to monitor the quake hit victims admitted in the hospital.

(iii) Supply the materials collected on voluntary basis for quake hit victims, which include medicine, suture materials, dressing material, blankets and wollens, etc.

(iv) Sending a team of doctors of Lok Nayak Jaya Prakash Narain Hospital for the relief of the victims of the quake with the required materialis.

New Kala Azar Drug

522. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Health Organisation had selected India for experimenting New Kala Azar drug, Liposomal preparation of Amphotericin B in October, 1991;

(b) if so, what is the result thereof; and

(c) the places in the country and the number of patients on whom the drug has been experimented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) An Indian Council of Medical Research sponsored project for clinical trials with Liposomal preparations of Amphatercin B has recently been approved.

(b) and (c) As the study has been initiated recently in Patna, it is too early to expect the results of the project.

Fake doctors operating in the country

523. S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: